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SUMMARY: THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED APRIL 6 ITS AGREEMENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SENOR CAREER DIPLOMAT JOSE CARLOS MARIATEGUI ARELLANO, CURRENTLY AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO, TO REPLACE AMBASSADOR GONZALO FERNANDEZ PUYO AS PERUVIAN ENVOY IN BRASILIA. MARIATEGUI IS A TEAM PLAYER WHO HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHAPING PERU'S THIRD WORLD DIPLOMACY UNDER FONMIN DE LA FLOR. END SUMMARY.

1. MARIATEGUI (LIMA, JULY 21, 1924) STUDIED AT THE COLLEGE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN LIMA AND AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVESITYOF SAN MARCOS. HIS DEGREE IS IN LAW. HE JOINED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1948 AND HAS SERVED IN QUITO (1954), BOGOTA (1960), UN 1961), LISBON (1963), AND GENEVA (1964). HE RETURED TO LIMA IN 1967 TO SERVE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTORATE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, OF WHICH HE WAS NAMED DIRECTOR IN 1969. IN 1971 HE WAS NAMED AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN, ALSO ACCREDITE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TAIWAN, AND IN 1973 HE RETURNED TO LIMA TO SERVE AS UNDERSECRETARY FOR PLANNING UNTIL HIS
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DECEMBER 1975 APPOINTMENT TO SANTIAGO.

2. WE QUOTE FROM NOVEMBER 1975 EMBASSY LIMA ASSESSMENT OF MARTIATEGUI (REFTEL: "AS A DIPLOMAT MARIATEGUI TAKES A PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO WORLD AFFAIRS. HE IS SOMEWHAT OF A NERVOUS INDIVIDUAL WHO LIKES TO GIVE THE IMPRESION OF BEING CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE AND USUALLY IS. HE IS A SERIOUS,

DEEP AND CULTURED THINKER AND PERSONALITY. HE IS FULLY ATTUNED TO THE THIRD WORLD ORIENTATION OF PERUVIAN DIPLOMACY, AN AREA WHICH HAS BEEN HIS FORTE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS... HE WAS IN CHARGE OF AGENDA PLANNING FOR THE LIMA NONALIGNED CONFERENCE AT THE SAME TIME HE IS REALISTIC AND CONSIDERATE OF OTHER INTERESTS. THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN LIMA FOUND MARIATEGUI RECEPTIVE TO THE ROK POSITION AT THE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY TO AMBASSADOR DEAN AND WAS THE FIRST GOP OFFICIAL TO VOLUNTEER A FAVORABLE REACTION TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT OUTLINED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL SESSION IN SEPTEMBER 1975. THE EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT MARIATEGUI WILL NOT ASSUME EXTREME ATTITUDES ON ISSUES. ALTHOUGH FORMAL AND RESERVED IN APPEARANCE, HE IS SOCIABLE, STRAIGHTFORWARD AND WELL WORTH CULTIVATING. HE IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ".

3. MARIATEGUI, WHOSE NICKNAME IS "EL PICARO" (THE CRAFTY ONE), HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM SANTIAGO BECAUSE PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ WANTED A MILITARY OFFICER (FORMER PRIME MINISTER ARBULU) IN THAT POST, AND WAS NOT HAPPY WITH MARIATEGUI'S PERFORMANCE IN CHILE.

4. THE AMBASSADOR IS A NEPHEW OF JOSE CARLOS MARIATEGUI (1895-1930), CONSIDERED BY MANY TO BE THE SEMINAL PERUVIAN INTELLECTUAL OF MODERN TIMES AND CLAIMED BY BOTH THE PERUVIAN
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COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SOCIALISTS AS THEIR FOUNDER. LIKE HIS NAMESAKE, AMBASSADOR MARIATEGUI SAID TO BE ILLEGITIMATE. MINISTER OF FISHERIES ADMIRAL FRANCISCO MARTIATEGUI ANGULO IS SAID TO BE A HALF BROTHER.

5. THE AMBASSADOR IS MARRIED TO GENOVEVA DE ASCASUBI, OF A WEALTHY ECUADOREAN FAMILY AND COUSIN OF GALO PLAZA LASSO. MRS. MARIATEGUI IS INTELLIGENT, ATTRACTIVE, AND WELL-INFORMED, ALTHOUGH HER CAPRICIOUS NATURE HAS NOT ENDEARED HER TO MANY PERUVIAN FOREIGN SERVICE WIVES. SHE SPEAKS ENGLISH BETTER THAN HER HUSBAND, AS WELL AS FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE. THE MARIATEGUIS HAVE THREE CHILDREN, TWO GIRLS AND A BOY.
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